

PAY OF STAR-ROUTE CONTRACTORS.

LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

IN RESPONSE TO

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF MARCH 24, 1898, RELATIVE TO
PAY OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS FOR CARRY-
ING THE MAILS ON WHAT ARE KNOWN AS STAR ROUTES

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POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
Washington, D. C., March 31, 1898.

SIR: In response to the resolution of the Senate of March 28, 1898, in relation to the response made by the Postmaster-General to the Senate resolution of February 25, 1898, relative to the pay of contractors and subcontractors for carrying the mails on what are known as star routes (as per Senate Document No. 184) and calling for the amount annually paid to certain specified contractors and the subcontract rate of pay on the routes sublet by said contractors, I have the honor to submit the following:

There are contracts now in force in the name of J. M. Boreing for carrying the mail on 613 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$97,163.93. On 592 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$88,619.31 and the subcontractors' pay is \$79,611.75.

There are contracts now in force in the name of A. A. Call for carrying the mail on 764 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$208,174.01. On 693 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$178,562.67 and the subcontractors' pay is \$158,156.94.

There are contracts now in force in the name of W. H. Steele for carrying the mail on 614 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$229,173.28. On 578 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department for which the contractor's annual pay is \$208,846.32 and the subcontractors' pay is \$189,724.80.

There are contracts now in force in the name of L. H. Hansberger for carrying the mail on 814 star routes throughout the United States,

on which his annual pay is \$207,784.02. On 795 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$202,552.49 and the subcontractors' pay is \$177,258.23.

There are contracts now in force in the name of Evan Jones for carrying the mail on 282 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$43,369.28. On 271 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$41,633.68 and the subcontractors' pay is \$37,912.83.

There are contracts now in force in the name of J. B. Anglin for carrying the mail on 411 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$41,105.89. On 366 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$35,360.69 and the subcontractors' pay is \$30,419.18.

There are contracts now in force in the name of J. D. Franklin for carrying the mail on 319 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$59,096.42. On 286 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$51,031.37 and the subcontractors' pay is \$45,618.28.

There are contracts now in force in the name of Gardner Cowles for carrying the mail on 874 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$197,540.65. On 845 of these routes, subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$187,322.13 and the subcontractor's pay is \$162,262.84.

There are contracts now in force in the name of J. M. Slavens for carrying the mail on 167 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$59,189.08. On 155 of these routes, subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$54,997.58 and the subcontractor's pay is \$51,307.91.

There are contracts now in force in the name of F. S. Smith for carrying the mail on 364 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$75,457.94. On 347 of these routes, subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$70,653.97 and the subcontractor's pay is \$61,993.23.

There are contracts now in force in the name of F. E. Means for carrying the mail on 737 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$153,264.41. On 723 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$151,118 and the subcontractor's pay is \$136,552.69.

There are contracts now in force in the name of W. L. White for carrying the mail on 130 star routes throughout the United States, on which his annual pay is \$20,564.11. On 124 of these routes subcontracts have been filed in the Department, for which the contractor's annual pay is \$19,058.31 and the subcontractor's pay is \$16,791.62.

To recapitulate, the total number of contracts for service in the names of these twelve contractors is 6,089, on which the aggregate annual pay is \$1,391,874.02. Of these, subcontracts have been filed in the Department for 5,775 routes, on which the annual contract pay is \$1,289,756.52, and the subcontract pay is \$1,147,610.60, the excess of the contract pay over the subcontract pay for those routes on which subcontracts have been filed in the Department being \$142,145.92 per annum.

Very respectfully,

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Postmaster-General.

The VICE-PRESIDENT,
United States Senate.